

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Lyons Township Community Room, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Anthony Przeklasa.

President Anthony Przeklasa asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Anthony Przeklasa, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Hon. Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, William Seith, Nicholas Kantas, and Steve Palmer.

Commissioner(s) on Phone: Al Dorobiala.

Commissioner(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ron Melka, Executive Director; and Jazmin Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Agency Director(s) Present: Diane Farina White, Community Support Services; Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand; Desiree Scully, Aging Care Connections.

Guest(s) Present: Vlado Vranjes, Del Galdo Law Group; Ellen Kunkle, Vice President of Grants & Government Relations, Pillars Community Health; Kezria Fleming, Case Manager, Community Support Services; and a participant of Community Support Services.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Palmer to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 18, 2022 were reviewed.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Clemons to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2022. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Jeffrey Clemons, Anthony Przeklasa, Sophia Mallis, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE'S PRESENTATION:

Executive Director Diane Farina White, Case Manager, Kezria Fleming and their client gave a wonderful presentation on their programs and services offered. As always, the Commissioners are thankful for Community Support Services' presentation and impact on our community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ron referred to his written report found in the meeting packet. Ron thanked all the Commissioners who were able to attend the agencies' fundraising events and the site visits. ACMHAI had their spring membership meetings on April 26 and April 27 in Springfield. Their

next membership meeting will be August 11-12 in Bloomington, Illinois. The last meeting covered the 9-8-8 National Crisis Line implementation, which goes live on July 17, 2022 and replaces the National Suicide Safeline.

He reported that staff and educators at Argo Community High School will undergo Mental Health First Aid training before the next school year starts.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Desiree Scully, Aging Care Connections reported that they are in the middle of Aging Well Month. MHC Executive Director Ron Melka was videotaped announcing their Aging Well Month and the video was shared online and was also featured on their Aging Well Month guide. Desiree announced that they are having Spanish language webinars for the first time. She added that they will start in-person programming in the next few weeks.

Ellen Kunkle, Vice President of Grants & Government Relations, Pillars Community Health reported that last month was Sexual Assault Awareness Month and they had several educational events pertaining to this topic. They finalized their application to SAMHSA for the CCBHC grant, a designation to the federally qualified health center, but for mental health. They are waiting for renewal agreements for the DHS grant for the upcoming fiscal year. They opened a temporary location in Riverside, which improves access in the eastern area. They are getting ready to open up their larger facility in Riverside within the next year.

Diane Farina White, President and CEO of Community Support Services reported that they are accredited by CQL and they are coming back for their semi-annual review in September. They are starting a strategic planning process that will be focused on the academy and will begin this summer. They are slowly opening some classes, but there are still some logistics to sort out.

Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand reported that their gala, *An Evening of Transformation* was sold out and was very successful, specifically because the mission was heard. They are completely opening on June 6. Staff are required to wear masks, but participants may choose to wear, but are not required to wear masks. Their Sex and Relationship trainings are doing well. Clients are excited to talk about their sex life because that isn't spoken about often.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Resolution No. 2022-01 A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Agency Program Grants, Comprehensive Budget And Operations Budget.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Hartigan to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Agency Program Grants, Comprehensive Budget And Operations Budget as presented. Roll Call: Steve Palmer, Russell Hartigan, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Treasurer Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report for as follows:

Beginning Balance as of March 31, 2022:	\$2,950,482.33
Receipts during April 2022:	\$ 281,693.56
Disbursements during April 2022:	\$ 340,925.65

Ending Balance as of April 30, 2022:

\$2,891,250.24

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer, seconded by Hartigan to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated May 16, 2022, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Steve Palmer, Russell Hartigan, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, William Seith, and Al Dorobiala. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented the list of Twenty-Three (23) Payables totaling \$323,563.78 dated May 16, 2022.

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated May 16, 2022 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: William Seith, Sophia Mallis, Anthony Przeklasa, Jeffrey Clemons, Russell Hartigan, Mike Porfirio, Nicholas Kantas, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mallis and seconded by Palmer at 6:42 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Meeting was adjourned.

Anthony Przeklasa, PhD
Commission President

Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary